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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action which was sent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 9), which was not entered, and the Advisory Action of February 26, 2002 (Paper No. 11), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claim 1 with the following:

1. (Amended) A method for producing an immune stimulating composition comprising:

treating bacteria containing peptidoglycan with an acid having a pH less than pH

7;

removing large cellular components from the solution resulting from said treating;

and

saving the remaining solution and adjusting the pH to a physiologically acceptable

pH.